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SUBJECT: KHARTOUM ASSASSINATION: MAGISTERIAL INQUIRY

REF: KHARTOUM 0531

- 1. DEPARTMENT CONCURS YOUR JUDGMENT INQUIRY HAS ENDED IN SATISFACTORY FASHION. PRESS GUIDANCE PREPARED ALONG LINES SUGGESTED PARA 4 REFTEL BEING FORWARDED SEPTEL.
- 2. OUR MAIN CONCERN AT PRESENT STEMS FROM MAGISTRATE'S STATEMENT REGARDING POLITICAL ASPECTS OF CASE. THERE IS OF COURSE NO DENYING THAT CASE HAS SERIOUS POLITICAL IMPLICATIONS BOTH INTERNATIONALLY AND DOMESTICALLY, BUT WE WOULD HOPE SUDANESE SUPERIOR COURT WOULD NOT BE SWAYED BY POLITICAL CONSIDERATIONS. AS EMBASSY AWARE, WE HAVE TAKEN A CONSISTENT LINE REGARDING FIRMNESS IN DEALING WITH TERRORISTS WITH ALL GOVERNMENTS, AND HAVE MADE FORMAL REPRESENTATIONS TO GOVERNMENTS OF KUWAIT, GREECE AND ITALY REGARDING TERRORISTS EITHER CHARGED WITH CRIMES UNDER THEIR RESPECTIVE LAWS OR, IN THE CASE OF KUWAIT, IN CUSTODY CONFIDENTIAL

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FOLLOWING UNCONSCIONABLE ACT OF VIOLENCE ELSEWHERE.

3. ALONG LINES HOFFACKER-BREWER LETTER OF MARCH 4 REGARDING GREEK SITUATION, WE REGARD WHAT HAPPENED TO OUR AMBASSADOR AND COUNSELOR IN KHARTOUM AS A CRIME FOR WHICH PERPETRATORS SHOULD BE BROUGHT TO BAR OF JUSTICE. WE DO NOT

BELIEVE THERE ARE POLITICAL ASPECTS TO THE CRIME WHICH WOULD HAVE ANY BEARING ON GUILT OR INNOCENCE OF ACCUSED. IF EMBASSY FEELS FOREGOING POINT COULD USEFULLY BE MADE TO GOS, WITHOUT CAUSING RESENTMENT FOR INTERFERENCE IN INTERNAL AFFAIRS, YOU ARE AUTHORIZED DO SO AT WHATEVER LEVEL YOU BELIEVE APPROPRIATE. KISSINGER

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